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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Bryan Ready
Hiroshige INOUE)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2852
Application No.: 10/587,146)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4972
Filed: May 31, 2007)	
	:	July 30, 2008
For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND)	
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, FOR	:	
DETECTING THE AMOUNT OF)	
REMAINING TONER	:	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to an Office Action issued June 6, 2008, in counterpart Chinese Application No. 200580015987.3 ("Chinese Office Action"), of the above-identified application, and listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the Chinese Office Action, as well as an English-language translation thereof, are enclosed herewith.

REMARKS

JP 11-38755 and U.S. Publication Document 2003/0123889 A1 are cited in the Chinese Office Action and were cited in an International Search Report, mailed September 26, 2005, in the present application and are therefor not cited on the enclosed citation form.

The Chinese Office Action is listed on the enclosed citation form.

STATEMENT AND FEE

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits and within three months of the issuance of the Chinese Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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